

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 875

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Lipscomb Academy Mustangs football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class AA State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Lipscomb Academy football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2021 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class AA State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Mustangs exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Trent Dilfer and posting an impressive 13-1 overall record in the season, Lipscomb Academy captured the state championship with a resounding 27-0 win over Christ Presbyterian Academy in the BlueCross Bowl State Football Championships, which were held at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga on December 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, displaying the tenacious defense and juggernaut offense that Lipscomb Academy fans have come to know and love, the Mustangs were led in the championship game by running back Alexander Broome, who worked his way past the Lions' defense to finish with twenty carries for 137 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback Luther Richesson, who went 17-of-19 passing for 147 yards with a 55-yard touchdown pass to Nathan Spillman while also landing one interception; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 state championship is the fourth in school history, as the Lipscomb Academy Mustangs won the Class 2A crown in 1994 and 2002 and the Class 3A title in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Lipscomb Academy epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Mustangs of Lipscomb Academy for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Lipscomb Academy Mustangs football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class AA State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.